

1 1. (currently amended) A plug-in connector for plumbing fixtures having  
2 **comprising:**

3 a plug-in bushing associated [to] **with** the plumbing fixture[.];

4 an undercut associated [to] **with** the plug-in bushing[.]; **and**

5 **a flange having a non-circular shaped perimeter, the flange being**  
6 **attachable to a line near an end of the line, wherein** ~~to be connected to the~~  
7 ~~plumbing fixture, and a flange attached near the end of the line that has a~~  
8 ~~perimeter having other than a circular shape and that may be brought into~~  
9 ~~engagement~~ **the line is connected to the plumbing fixture by inserting the**  
10 **line with the flange thereon into the plug-in bushing beyond the undercut,**  
11 **and engaging the flange** with the undercut by rotating [it,] **the flange** after the  
12 ~~line end has been pushed into the plug-in bushing.~~

1 2. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the undercut is configured such that the line, along with the flange, may be  
3 rotated to the extent that withdrawal of the line from the plug-in bushing will be  
4 prevented **by engagement of the flange with the undercut.**

1 3. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the undercut is  
2 configured such that the undercut and flange will be wedged together when the  
3 line is rotated.

1 4. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the flange is  
2 configured such that the undercut and flange will be wedged together when the  
3 line is rotated.

1 5. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein  
2 the undercut and **the** flange jointly form a bayonet connector **when the line is**  
3 **rotated.**

1 6. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the undercut is  
2 formed on one side of the plug-in bushing only.

1 7. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the undercut is  
2 formed around the end of the line.

1 8. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the undercut is  
2 at least partially formed ahead of the plug-in bushing.

1 9. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein  
2 **the plumbing fixtures have a housing and** the plug-in bushing is formed in an  
3 adapter element, situated between a mixer cartridge and the housing of ~~the~~ **a**  
4 plumbing fixture.

1 10. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein  
2 **the plumbing fixtures have a housing and** the undercut is formed in the  
3 housing of ~~the~~ **a** plumbing fixture.

1 11. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ **9**,  
2 wherein the undercut is formed in the adapter element.

1 12. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim **11**, wherein  
2 ~~the~~ ends of the undercut in the adapter element are open and may be closed by  
3 inserting the adapter into the housing of the plumbing fixture.

1 13. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim **11**, wherein  
2 ~~the~~ ends of the plug-in bushing in the adapter element are open and may be  
3 closed by inserting the adapter into the housing of the plumbing fixture.

1 14. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the  
2 flange is located at a distance from the free end of the line.

1        15. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein an  
2        axial force acting on the flange forces [[it]] the flange up against the undercut in  
3        order to clamp the end of the line having the flange in the plug-in bushing.

1        16. (original)        A plug-in connector according to claim 15, wherein an  
2        elastic element is provided in order to exert the axial force acting on the flange.

1        17. (original)        A plug-in connector according to claim 16, wherein the  
2        elastic element is formed by an O-Ring.